



CANCER BURDEN

In 2004, the American Cancer Society estimates that¹

■ 1,368,030 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 134,300 in California.

■ 563,700 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 55,340 in California.

The average annual age-adjusted death rate for cancer per 100,000 persons²

California: 183.7 **National:** 199.8

LUNG CANCER

In 2004, the American Cancer Society estimates that¹

■ 15,650 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in California.

■ 14,450 men and women will die of lung cancer in California.

The CDC National Center for Health Statistics provides the following death rates:

The average annual age-adjusted death rates for lung cancer per 100,000 persons, by race, 1997–2001^{2,3}

	California	National
Overall	48.2	56.2
White	49.6	56.2
Black	64.3	65.2
Hispanic	22.9	24.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	30.3	28.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	24.4	36.3

BREAST CANCER

In 2004, the American Cancer Society estimates that¹

■ 21,860 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in California.

■ 4,060 women will die of breast cancer in California.

The CDC National Center for Health Statistics provides the following death rates:

The average annual age-adjusted death rates for breast cancer per 100,000 persons, by race, 1997–2001^{2,3}

	California	National
Overall	25.7	27.0
White	26.7	26.4
Black	34.2	35.4
Hispanic	16.3	17.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.7	12.6
American Indian/Alaska Native	9.8	13.6

Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/index.htm> —

United States Cancer Statistics — for more information on top cancer sites by geographic area, race, and gender.

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2004, the American Cancer Society estimates that¹

■ 13,880 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in California.

■ 5,360 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in California.

The CDC National Center for Health Statistics provides the following death rates:

The average annual age-adjusted death rates for colorectal cancer per 100,000 persons, by race, 1997–2001^{2,3}

	California	National
Overall	18.1	20.8
White	18.1	20.3
Black	26.7	28.3
Hispanic	12.4	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.7	13.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	6.8	13.9

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2004, the American Cancer Society estimates that¹

■ 23,160 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in California.

■ 3,010 men will die of prostate cancer in California.

The CDC National Center for Health Statistics provides the following death rates:

The average annual age-adjusted death rates for prostate cancer per 100,000 men, by race, 1997–2001^{2,3}

	California	National
Overall	28.0	31.5
White	28.0	28.8
Black	61.4	70.4
Hispanic	22.4	23.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.2	13.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	13.3	20.2

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2004. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and *in situ* cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2004. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 10.

² Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1997–2001. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.